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SUBJECT: NRW/LANDTAG COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ROLE OF GOVERN-
MENT IN POUILLAIN AFFAIR

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1. ON FEBRUARY 22, 1978, THE NORTH-RHINE WESTPHALIAN (NRW)
LANDTAG, UPON REQUEST OF THE CDU, ESTABLISHED A COMMITTEE
TO INVESTIGATE THE ROLE OF THE LAND GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTION
WITH THE WESTDEUTSCHE LANDESBANK (WLB) IN GENERAL AND THE
POUILLAIN AFFAIR IN PARTICULAR. THE CDU WANTS TO HAVE A
TOTAL OF ELEVEN POINTS CLARIFIED, ESPECIALLY PERTAINING
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TO THE LAND GOVERNMENT'S INFORMATION CONCERNING ALLEGED
IRREGULARITIES IN LUDWIG POUILLAIN'S MANAGEMENT OF THE WLB.

2. THE SPD AND FDP LANDTAG FACTIONS ARE NOT HAPPY WITH THE
CDU'S REQUEST TO SET UP THE INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE. TOGETHER
WITH THE WLB THEY FEAR THAT TOO MUCH PUBLICITY WILL HURT
THE IMAGE OF THE BANK. HOWEVER, THEY CLAIM THAT THEY ARE

LOOKING AT THE OUTCOME OF THE INVESTIGATION WITH EQUANIMITY.
NRW/FDP FACTION CHAIRMAN HANS KOCH MADE AN ABORTIVE ATTEMPT
TO DISPOSE OF THE MATTER IN A PUBLIC SESSION OF THE STEERING
COMMITTEE INADEQUATE SINCE IT CANNOT HEAR OUTSIDERS.
THE FAT IS IN THE FIRE ANYWAY, SINCE POUILLAIN IS CONTESTING
HIS DIMISSAL IN THE COURTS, WHICH WILL TAKE YEARS OF
UNDESIRABLE PUBLICITY FOR THE BANK BEFORE THE CASE IS SETTLED.
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